

In the Claims:

1 1. (currently amended) A baby carriage which can be changed to
2 a form of a chair state in which a backrest portion and a
3 head protection part positioned above the backrest portion
4 extend on the same plane, or to a form of a bed state in
5 which said head protection part rises upward from said
6 backrest portion, comprising:

7 a body frame;

8 a backside support connected to said body frame so as
9 to reclinably support said backrest portion from the
10 backside; and

11 a guard member of a rigid structure having an inverted
12 U shape as a whole in which both ends thereof are rotatably
13 connected to said body frame and a central portion thereof
14 extending in ~~[[the]]~~ a width direction is positioned along
15 a back surface of said head protection part in both said
16 forms of the chair state and the bed ~~[[state-]]~~ state;

17 wherein said baby carriage has a structure adapted to
18 shrink by being folded in the width direction, said guard
19 member includes a pair of side bars having end portions
20 forming said ends rotatably connected to said body frame
21 and a lateral bar having two ends thereof connected
22 respectively to said pair of side bars, and the lateral bar
23 of said guard member includes a pair of end link members
24 rotatably connected to said pair of side bars and a central
25 link member having two ends thereof rotatably connected to
26 said pair of end link members.

1 2. (currently amended) A baby carriage according to claim 1,
2 wherein said body frame includes a seating surface support
3 member and a pair of longitudinal side frame members
4 upwardly extending from both sides at a rear end region of
5 said seating surface support member, and ~~both said~~ ends of
6 said guard member are ~~roatably~~ rotatably connected to said
7 pair of longitudinal side frame ~~members.~~ members of said
8 body frame.

1 3. (original) A baby carriage according to claim 2, further
2 comprising:

3 a seat hammock including a seating surface sheet
4 portion extending on said seat surface support member and
5 a backrest sheet portion connected to a rear edge of said
6 seating surface support member and extending between said
7 pair of longitudinal side frame members; and

8 a guard connecting member for connecting a backside of
9 the upper region of said backrest sheet portion which is to
10 be said head protection part to the central portion of said
11 guard member,

12 wherein said backside support reclinably supports said
13 backrest sheet portion from the backside.

1 4. (original) A baby carriage according to claim 3, wherein
2 said backside support includes a backside string member
3 extending along the whole length of the backside of said
4 backrest sheet portion in the width direction and having
5 both ends connected to said pair of longitudinal frame
6 members.

1 5. (original) A baby carriage according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a push rod having lower ends rotatably connected
3 to said body frame so as to be changed to be in a backside
4 pushing state or to be in a face-to-face pushing state.

1 6. (currently amended) A baby carriage according to claim 1,
2 wherein ~~said guard member includes a pair of side bars~~
3 ~~having end portions rotatably connected to said body frame~~
4 ~~and a lateral bar having both ends connected to said pair~~
5 ~~of side bars, and said lateral bar of said guard member~~
6 has a flat configuration which is long in ~~[[the]]~~ an
7 extending direction of said side bars.

Claim 7 (canceled).

1 8. (currently amended) A baby carriage according to claim
2 ~~[[77]]~~ 1, wherein said end link members constitute a
3 four-section chain mechanism which moves the central link
4 member in parallel along the back surface of the head
5 protection part.

1 9. (currently amended) A baby carriage according to claim 1,
2 wherein said baby carriage has a foldable structure in
3 which a pair of front wheels and a pair of rear wheels ~~are~~
4 ~~folded so as to come near back and forth and around. to one~~
5 another in a forward and backward direction and in a
6 lateral direction when said baby carriage is folded.

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